

Jeanne made a bead box can be used for suspending beads or laying beads on polyfill at the same time to bake. This bead box can be made in less than ten minutes. (I can make it in under 5 since I now have the scissors, box, glue, and polyfill handy!)

Irish Red

Supplies

- Small Box
- Household glue
- Four small pieces of paper or old business cards
- Pinking shears
- Fiberfill

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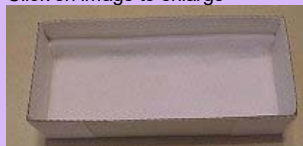
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Step One:

You need a small box. I use one that business cards come in, like this one.

Step Two:

Cut the corners of the box.

Step Three:

Using pinking shears or scissors with a decorative edge, cut around the edges of all four flaps.

Step Four:

Using four small pieces of paper and a glue, such as Sobo glue, glue the outside corner edges back in place. I used four old business cards since they were handy and fit perfectly. Do not use hot glue or you will have a mess in your oven.

Step Five:

Cut a piece of polyfill sheeting and place it in the bottom of the box. I make mine so it rolls up on the two long sides. Be sure, if using the polyfill sheeting with iron-on adhesive on one side, that you lay the sheet sticky side down.

I use long doll making needles to suspend my beads. They are very durable, do not easily bend, and come in a variety of sizes. You can also use very long needles and place them the length on the box.

The number one suggestion I have for making round beads round (or for that matter any shape) is that after you've made the bead, let the bead rest on glass or marble until cool. When cool, gently reroll or reshape.

You can easily see where it is out of round. I do several beads and go back to the first ones

and put holes in and let them cool.

Hope this helps.

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